



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear parents and carers,

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
where there is sadness, joy.

In school we are celebrating the season of creation. You may have noticed that each week Mrs Woolley is providing a Catholic Life update. This contains an update on what we've been doing in school that week and a look to the week ahead. I hope this will help to keep you keep informed about what's going on in school and help you to initiate conversations with your children at home.

Thank you for Roald Dahl day

Thank you to everyone who helped us to celebrate Roald Dahl story day. The children looked amazing in their favourite character costumes. The sea of yellow faces definitely brightened up our day!



Trialling new lunch hall arrangements

You are probably aware of the new lunch hall arrangements we are trialling with the children at the moment.

At the end of last school year, the children told us that the lunch hall can often be too noisy and a bit too busy. Our parent carer group also feedback that many of you had noticed that your children were rushing to eat their packed lunch/ cooked meal in order to get outside and play. In school we could see that a lot of food was being wasted so we knew we had to do something.

As a result, we are trialling some new lunch table rules. Children are asked to come into the hall and sit with their year group at a table of 6 where they will eat lunch and then wait until they are finished. We are still in the early stages of making tweaks to this arrangement and are communicating and listening to the children over the trial period.

This arrangement is going to be reviewed on Monday with the children and we will update you next week, we assure you no changes will be made without explaining to the children beforehand.

For children who have high sensory needs we are continuing with their agreed arrangements.

Year group information sessions

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our year group information sessions this week. If you were not able to attend please do look on your child's google classroom page where the presentation containing key information will be available for you to download.

NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe assemblies

I am pleased to inform you that we are participating in the NSPCC's *Speak out. Stay safe.* Programme this term. *Speak out. Stay safe.* is a programme for children aged 5-11 which aims to help children understand abuse in all its forms and to recognise the signs of abuse. Children are taught to speak out if they are worried, either to a safe adult or Childline.

This child friendly programme is aligned with the curriculum and consists of age appropriate virtual assemblies and supporting classroom-based activities which we have reviewed, alongside NSPCC volunteer led face to face workshops for children in year 6. The content is delivered in an engaging and interactive way with the help of the NSPCC mascot Buddy. If you would like to know more about the *Speak out. Stay safe.* programme visit www.nspcc.org.uk/speakout.

SEND parent/carer group

Our parent/carer support group for parents/carers of children with an SEND met this morning. If you want to find out more about this group please approach me on the gate either at drop off or pick up. If you'd like to be included in the email group please email me at head.st.bonaventures.p@bristol-schools.uk

Best,
Sarah Ballantine
Head teacher

Events w/c 18th September (MENU week 2)

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd Reception pupils stay for mornings and lunch.

Monday 18th-Thursday 21st Bikability level 2.

Monday 18th Mr King from St Bede's visiting Year 6.

The logo for 'UPCOMING EVENTS' features the words stacked in two lines. The top line reads 'UPCOMING' and the bottom line reads 'EVENTS'. Each letter is a different color and is slightly offset from the others, creating a dynamic, multi-colored effect.

Catholic Life of the School



Our school saints

At the end of last year, each year group created artwork on a different saint associated with our school. Over the next few weeks we will share the art work they produced after reflecting on the life of each saint, their qualities and how they are a role model to us today.

This week's saint is St Bonaventure and the art work was produced by year 1 (the current year 2).

Key Stage 1 Prayer and liturgy

This week's gospel prayer and liturgy for Key Stage 1 was about forgiveness. We shared the parable of The Unforgiving Servant. the children talked about times when they had to forgive someone who had hurt them and how hard it can be to show forgiveness. The children are producing their own artwork to show what forgiveness means to them.

Walk the Walk Prayer and Liturgy

On Friday, we had our Walk the Walk prayer and liturgy. We talked about stories in the Bible that show us what it means to love our neighbour. We celebrated children who have been modelling this value this term.

Next week

Next Thursday is International Day of Peace. We will be talking to the children about how we can bring peace to our school and families, as well as praying for a more peaceful world. The children will be asked to follow up with their own reflections on peace.

Clubs and sports at St Bon's



Week of 12th September

Netball - 3:15	YES YES	Mondays – Y3 & 4 Tuesdays - Y5 & 6
Drama	PLEASE SEE BELOW	TBC
Circuits 7:50am	YES	Thursdays- Y1-Y6 in hall
Running club – 7.45am	YES	Wednesdays – all welcome – outside foyer
Mr Morgan after school	YES- BOYS TRIALS	Wednesdays – Y5 & 6
Tag Rugby	NO	Will start in term 2 for Y5 & Y6
Chess – Lunch break	NO – starts 29 th Sept	Fridays - Y5 Chess will now take place during lunch break, and will be fortnightly.
Hockey with Mrs Hinkins	YES	Fridays - Y5 & 6 £5- See flyer attached to email for sign up details.
Gymnastics- 3:15 – 4:15	YES	Tuesdays YEAR 3 , no longer for Y5
Dodge ball- 8:00	YES	Fridays – Y3 &4- in hall
Art/Drawing 12:15-12:45	YES	Tuesday lunch - KS2 – In 4H
Debating Club 12:15	YES	Wednesday lunch – Y5 & Y6 -In 3B/3J
Well-Being Singing 12:15	YES	Tuesday lunch – whole school - in 1P
Choir – 12:15	KS1 YES KS2 YES	Mondays – KS1 in 2TW Thursdays – KS2 – in 2TW
Lego Club	NO	TBC
Yoga	NO	Y1 – paid class – information TBC

Drama

YEAR 6- To take part in the Shakespeare festival, performing at the Tobacco factory in March 2024. Details TBC.

Years 3,4&5 – The children have been asked to add their name to a register of interest in a drama club (no performance) Parents/carers do not need to sign their child up. Details TBC

English as an Additional Language Coffee Mornings



If English is not your first language, please come along, share your views, meet other parents, be a part of your child's learning and relax at our coffee mornings from 9 – 10am on Wednesdays in the School – come to the office.

The group is run by Mrs Cela – if you would like more information, please email her at esmeralda.cela@bristol-schools.uk

**A special invitation is extended to parents/carers of children who have just joined us.
If you would like more information about the group – please email Mrs Cela.**

Running Club



Do you want to get fit and have fun at the same time!
Join us on Wednesday mornings at 7.50am.
Running/walking club
Children and adults are welcome.



PTFA News

www.stbonsptfa.com

Email – contact@stbonsptfa.com

Uniform – ptfauniformrep@gmail.com

Facebook – St Bons Parents and Carers

Instagram - @stbonsptfa

Reception Parents Coffee Morning

All reception parents are invited to join us on Friday 22nd September after morning drop off in the church Presbytery for coffee, cake and an introduction to the PTFA. We'd love to have the chance to say hi so please drop in.

Taking Over the Reins

Aisling and Sophie will be stepping down as co-chairs of the PTFA at the AGM in February after a really enjoyable 3 years and would like to invite you to consider volunteering for the role. We have both loved our time as chairs, it's a fun and rewarding role with so much potential for development to further benefit our school and community. No prior experience in the PTFA is necessary. If interested please get in touch or catch us at drop off/pick up to have a chat.

Christmas Fair

Excitingly the Christmas Fair will be on Sunday 3rd December. If you would like to get involved in organising the festive fun look out for a link for a WhatsApp group coming from your class rep.

Coming up:

- ✓ Reception parents coffee morning 22nd September
- ✓ Uniform sale 15th September
- ✓ PTFA meeting 10th October
 - ✓ Disco October (TBC)
 - ✓ Bag2School 31st October
- ✓ PTFA meeting 10th November
- ✓ **Christmas Fair 3rd December**



COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY.

You might be saddened but probably not surprised to know that this summer has been much busier than last year for the Community Food Pantry. While many of us have been lucky enough to get away for a break, not everyone will have had that opportunity.

That's why your donations are so very crucial to us. Your support means our wonderful stock-taking and shopping volunteers have been able to keep the shelves stocked for families in need. We're so grateful to them for their time and energy.

We want to particularly thank Cecila for continuing to organise the donations that are given by Tesco Winterbourne, and Mary for her incredible monthly donations of food. We simply couldn't have made it through the summer months without them.

Finally, a warm welcome back to Mgr. Bernard, without whom the Pantry wouldn't exist. We wish you all the best on your return.

Please donate:

Coffee

Tinned fruit

Tinned sweetcorn

Oil

Heinz or Branston baked beans

UHT milk

Dried lentils

Stock cubes

Biscuits

Sanitary towels

Shampoo

Please DO NOT donate:

Fresh food (we can't safely store it and it will go to waste)

Where do I leave food donations?

Please put food donations either in the clear box labelled "Community Food Pantry Donation Box" at the back of the church or in the box outside the front door of the Presbytery.

How do I donate money?

There is a "Food Pantry" button on the Donation Point inside the church if you would like to make monetary donations by card. Or you can give cash to Mgr. Massey or put it in an envelope through Jenny Glester's door at 57 Egerton Road.